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Dear Sir:

STATEMENT OF COMMON OWNERSHIP

The present application (Serial No. 09/165,248; hereinafter the "Application"), U.S. Patent No. 6,245,662, *Naik et al.*, and U.S. Patent No. 6,054,379, *Yau et al.*, were, at the time the invention of the Application was made, owned by the same person, or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same person, Applied Materials, Inc.

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